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SUBJECT: RAY BAKER

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1. CONSUL HUFFMAN DISCUSSED CASE WITH DR. FABUNMI, DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULAR AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF MEA, ON APRIL 6. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS HAD NO REPLY TO ITS THREE NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT IT NEEDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CASE. FABUNMI REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT KNOWN OF THE THREE NOTES BUT THAT HE WOULD FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AND WOULD TRY TO HELP. HE SEEMED FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS AND HUFFMAN HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO CLEAR UP THE MATTER.

2. HUFFMAN HAD EXPECTED TO CALL ON FABUNMI THE FOLLOWING WEEK BUT HE DEPARTED ABRUPTLY FOR LONDON ON APRIL 8 TO SEE HIS SERIOUSLY ILL BROTHER AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL WEEKEND OF APRIL 22. ALTHOUGH ANOTHER CONSULAR OFFICER COULD VISIT FABUNMI TO INQUIRE REGARDING THE CASE, WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS MIGHT BE BETTER IF WE WAIT UNTIL HUFFMAN CAN PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AS SOON AS HE RETURNS TO LAGOS.

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